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SUBJECT: QUITO MEETING: LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN
SECRETARY RABASA

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO
FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA:

2. QUOTE: DEAR EMILIO:

AS I MENTIONED TO YOU WHEN WE WERE TOGETHER LAST WEEK
DURING THE MEETING OF PRESIDENT FORD AND PRESIDENT
ECHEVERRIA, THE FORTHCOMING MEETING AT QUITO IS ONE AT
WHICH I HAD VERY MUCH HOPED TO BE PRESENT.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS HAVE
MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND ON THE DATES ULTIMATELY
FIXED FOR THE SESSIONS IN ECUADOR. AT THE SAME TIME, IT
WAS NOT FEASIBLE UNTIL NOW TO MAKE KNOWN THAT I WOULD BE
TRAVELING IN THE MIDDLE EAST. YOU CAN READILY UNDERSTAND
HOW SENSITIVE THE TALKS ARE INVOLVING THE AREA AND THE
IMPORTANCE OF THOSE TALKS TO WORLD PEACE.

BECAUSE OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I HAVE ASKED MY
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DEPUTY AND CLOSE COLLEAGUE, BOB INGERSOLL, TO REPRESENT

ME AT THE QUITO MEETING, ALONG WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY

WILLIAM ROGERS AND OAS AMBASSADOR BILL MAILLIARD. I
HAVE THE FULLEST CONFIDENCE IN THEM. THEY WILL, OF
COURSE, BE FULLY PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL ASPECTS
OF THE TALKS, AND I SHALL EXPECT FROM THEM A FULL REPORT
OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU WHEN THEY RETURN.

I PERSONALLY WILL BE FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENTS AT
THE QUITO MEETING CLOSELY. MY GOVERNMENT AND I ATTACH
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO THE FINAL
RESULT.

WARMEST REGARDS, HENRY END OF QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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